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Attorney Docket No. 60021-352501

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FEE TRANSMITTAL		<i>Complete if Known</i>	
		Application Number	09/520,943
for FY 2004		Filing Date	March 8, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Andrew E. Fano
Patent fees are subject to annual revision. Applicant Claims Small Entity		Examiner Name	B. Van Doren
		Group Art Unit	3623
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT	\$1,190.00	Attorney Docket No.:	60021-352501

METHOD OF PAYMENT		FEE CALCULATION (continued)			
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to charge indicated fees or credit		3. ADDITIONAL FEES			
Deposit Acct No. Name:	50-1901 Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP	Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
X Charge Any Add'l Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17		1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
		1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
		1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
		1812 2,520	1812 2,520	Filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
		1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1. BASIC FILING FEE		1263 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee	1264 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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340 170	Design filing fee	1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
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770 385	Reissue filing fee	1403 280	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
160 80	Provisional filing fee	1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
SUBTOTAL (1)		1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
\$0.00		1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES		1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
Claims - 20 =	Extra Claims Fee 18/9	1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
Ind. - 3 =	86/43	1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
Multiple Dependent	280/145	1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee	1807 130	1807 130	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
18 9	Claims in excess of 20	1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
86 43	Independent claims in excess of 3	8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
290 145	Multiple dependent claim	1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
86 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
18 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$770.00
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/520,943
	Filing date	March 8, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Andrew E. Fano
	Art Unit	3623
	Examiner Name	B. Van Doren
	Attorney Docket Number	60021-352501

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on February 18, 2004.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment(s)/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Fee Transmittal, Petition for Two Month Extension of

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2. Miscellaneous


- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103⁶ for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____.

3. Fees

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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17).
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